

Remarks

Claims 7, 8, and 13 have been amended to correct antecedent problems.

Claims 1, 11, and 14 are the independent claims of this application. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 11 as anticipated by US5,685,607 to Hirschmann.

In Hirschmann, the seat plate (2) is connected to the main frame (1) at a pivot (4) and to the back bracket (3) at a pivot (7). In consequence, when the back bracket (3) is tilted about its pivot (6) with the main frame (1), the seat plate (2) is constrained to tilt with the back bracket (3).

In contrast, in claims 1 and 11, the seat plate is "mounted to said main frame at a main frame pivot so as to be tiltable forwardly and rearwardly regardless of a tilt of said back bracket".

And in claim 14, the seat plate is "pivotably mounted to said main frame at a main frame pivot, said seat plate tiltable forwardly and rearwardly independently of tilting of said back bracket".

Consequently, Hirschmann does not have the features of claims 1, 11, and 14. As such, it is submitted that Hirschmann does not anticipate these claims.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the independent claims patentably define over Hirschmann. That being so, the remaining claims, which depend from one or other of the independent claims, also patentably define over the art of record.

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

In view of the foregoing, early favorable consideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

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In the Claims

7. (Amended) The chair control of claim 6 wherein said seat plate arm is one of a [like] plurality of like seat plate arms and wherein said back bracket arm is one of a [like] plurality of like back bracket arms, said seat plate arms being interleaved with said back bracket arms and further comprising a pair of compression members for compressing said arms together in order to lock said back bracket and said seat plate in position.

8. (Amended) The chair control of claim 6 wherein said back bracket arm is one of a [like] plurality of like back bracket arms, said back bracket arms being interleaved with friction plates carried by said shaft and further comprising a pair of compression members for compressing said arms and friction plates together in order to lock said back bracket in position.

13. (Amended) The chair [control] of claim 12 wherein said back bracket has an abutment such that, at least when said back bracket is not tilted downwardly, said abutment limits rearward tilting of said seat plate.